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For: (Amended) APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MULTIPLEXING INTRA-
PICTURE CODING STREAM AND INTRA/INTER-PICTURE CODING STREAM

AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 1.116

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Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 8, 2002,
kindly amend the captioned application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims ¹5, ¹6 and ¹11-13 without prejudice or
disclaimer, and amend claims ¹1 and ¹7, as follows:

1. (Four Times Amended) An apparatus for efficiently coding
a moving picture signal, comprising:

a main coding processor to selectively encode an input
moving picture signal by intra-picture coding or inter-picture
coding in unit of frame or field output a main bit stream;

a first buffer to temporarily store the output main bit
stream in unit of frame or field;

a subsidiary coding processor to encode motion-picture
signal portions in specific frames or fields carried by the input

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